

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 7, please replace the third paragraph under the heading “DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT” with the following paragraph:

The spacers 6 are largely mounted ~~on top of each other~~ side by side wherein the ~~lowermost-outermost~~ spacers are mounted to the inner side of the formwork elements 2, 3, and to the outer sides of the central element 5, in each case. The ~~uppermost-innermost~~ spacers are each provided with one sealing lip 7. The sealing lips 7 of opposite ~~uppermost-innermost~~ spacers are pressed against each other.

On page 9, please replace the third paragraph with the following paragraph:

The spacers 32, 33 are mounted ~~on top of each other~~ (or next to each other, ~~to each other~~) in a first mounting position 40 in the region of the front side end of the formwork element 2 (left in Fig. 2) on the inner side of the formwork element 2. Two further spacers 34, 35 are opposite to these spacers 32, 33 which are disposed on a second mounting position 41 on an outer side of the central element 5. In a similar manner, the spacers 36, 37 are disposed at a third mounting position 42 on the other side of the central element 5 and the spacers 38, 39 are disposed at a fourth mounting position 43 on the inner side of the formwork element 3. The respectively uppermost spacers 33, 34, 37, 38 each have elastic sealing lips 7, wherein the sealing lips 7 of opposite spacers 33, 34, and 37, 38 are pressed towards each other, i.e. they are under elastic compressive strain. This prevents, in particular, escape of unhardened concrete from a space 11, delimited by the formwork system, through the sealing lips 7. The sealing lips 7 close the gaps 9, 10 between the spacers 33 and 34 and 37 and 38.